

DEBATING SOCIETY ELECTS.

Richard H. Alvey Association
Chooses Officers for Semester.
At a meeting of the Richard H. Alvey Debating Society, of the National University, last evening, the officers were elected for the second semester. Pres-

ident, L. B. Boone, of Texas; vice president, H. R. Brennan, of the District of Columbia; treasurer, E. C. Gibbs, of Virginia; secretary, L. J. Irvin, of Indiana. An interclass debate is scheduled for Saturday evening, January 27. Messrs. Cayton, Hilderbrand, and Reah will compose the Richard H. Alvey team.

DRY DISTRICT WOULD LEAVE 4,000 JOBLESS

Spokesman for Bartenders Says Employees Would Lose \$75,000 Weekly.

Asserting that there are nearly 4,000 wage earners in the District, with weekly wages aggregating \$25,000, who will be thrown out of employment by the passage of the Sheppard prohibition bill, Theodore Sprosser, whose term of office as president of the Washington Bartenders' Union, expired yesterday, issued a statement last night strongly urging the attachment of a referendum clause to the bill.

Apart from the employees affected, he points out, the District will lose about \$500,000 annually in license revenues, and taxes must go up as a consequent result. His statement follows:

"As one of thousands of men in the District who will be directly affected by the passage of the Sheppard bill, I should like to call the attention of members of Congress to a side of the question I feel should be considered before this bill is thrust on the people without any opportunity for them to directly pass upon it.

"There are about 700 bartenders in the District, whose average wage is \$20 a week, aggregating about \$14,000. There are the same number of waiters and porters, whose average wage is \$10 a week, or in the aggregate \$7,000.

"Brewery employees, teamsters, salesmen, and others engaged directly with the liquor business number more than 2,500, with a weekly wage averaging \$22, and an aggregate of more than \$55,000.

Weekly Loss of \$75,000.

"It will thus be seen that the men who will lose employment earn in the aggregate about \$75,000 a week, and 75 per cent of that money is spent in the District. Apart from the suffering and inconvenience which the throwing of these men out of employment will cause, and aside from its effect on the business and social life of the District, there is the further fact that the District will lose direct revenues from 267 saloons and eighty-nine wholesale houses amounting to more than \$500,000 annually.

"Without regard to the real estate which will be thrown on the market and depreciate in value, it seems but right that the citizens of Washington should have a right to pass upon a matter that affects them so vitally. Our union has therefore endorsed the Underwood referendum amendment to the Sheppard bill and feels that if the prohibition legislation is to be added on to the District, it should not be done until we have had the right to decide by majority vote whether we want it."

PENNSY CHANGES PENSIONS.
A change in the method of paying pensions to retired employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will result in increased allowances in a number of instances. A minimum of \$15 per month will also be established. The purpose of the change is to protect employees who are unable, by reason of sickness or infirmity, to earn full time during the closing years of their service.

At present the pension list of the Pennsylvania lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie contains 3,673 names. Since January 1, 1900, when the department was established, 7,508 employees have been placed on the "roll of honor," to whom \$10,429,262.89 has been paid.

A \$100,000 knitting mill in Florida is owned by negroes.

SCENE OF 'LEAK' PROBE WILL SHIFT TO GOTHAM

Investigation to Open Tuesday Morning Within Shadow of Wall Street.

The spotlight in the "leak" investigation of the House Committee on Rules to determine the source of alleged advance information on the President's peace note will shift from the Capitol on Tuesday at 10 a. m. to the New York custom house, within the shadow of Wall Street, the American etelard of high finance.

Sherman L. Whipple, who will direct the investigation in the future, was responsible for the change of plans that will bring future hearings in the atmosphere and neighborhood of bankers and stock brokers who are said to have been the greatest beneficiaries of the alleged "leak."

Announcement of the change followed the acceptance by Attorney Whipple of the committee assignment as counsel after an extended conference with Chairman Robert L. Henry, of the Rules Committee. His compensation has been left by Mr. Whipple to the discretion of the committee, but it is generally accepted that it will be \$25,000. He has been authorized to have a assistant and such accountants as he deems necessary in the conduct of the probe.

Following the conference Mr. Whipple left for Boston, where he will endeavor to arrange his court assignments so that he can devote the probe to a finish without interruption.

The order in which the witnesses will be called will be determined by the investigation. He went over the evidence already adduced, and it is understood, in satisfaction with the list of witnesses already under subpoena.

Mrs. Ruth Thomason Visconti, of Washington, already under subpoena, will be an early witness.

Thomas W. Lawson issued a statement last night in which he declared the previous investigation was a mere bubble, but warned the street now to prepare for a volcano.

FINE ARTS COMMISSION APPROVES HOTEL PLANS

Basement Ball Room in New Hostelry Will Seat 2,000 People.

The newest hotel enterprise of the National Capital has the unique distinction of being the only thing of its kind in which the architectural plans have been approved by the Federal Fine Arts Commission. This new hotel, to be called Hotel Washington, is to be located on the old Corcoran Building, at Fifteenth and F streets northwest. The contractors state that the building will be ready for occupancy in the fall. Revised plans of the structure have been returned by the architects, Carrere & Hastings of New York. A distinctive feature of the new hotel will be a basement ball room with a seating capacity for 2,000 people.

One of the most important sales of the week was that of the residence of former justice of the Supreme Court, Charles E. Hughes. The property is located at Sixteenth and V streets northwest, and was acquired by Senator John W. Weeks, of Massachusetts. The consideration in the deal is nominal, but from the assessment figures, the property is supposed to be worth \$50,000.


The District of Columbia has acquired a site for a garage on the premises from 1319 to 1318 D street northwest. The consideration is said to be \$15,000.

Lee D. Latimer, J. E. Powell, and William H. West have invested more than \$100,000 in the purchase of premises 815 and 817 Fifteenth street northwest. The title to the property was held by the National Savings and Trust Company.

The Riggs National Bank has taken title to the adjoining building at 1506 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. The property was purchased for the bank some months ago from the Arlington Fire Insurance Company. The value of the property is placed at \$125,212.14.

The American Red Cross has begun

The responsible families of America have White Rock water on their tables



moving into its new building at Seventeenth and H streets northwest, which cost \$800,000. In the new quarters there is room for all the offices of the Red Cross.

The building, which was erected by Congress as a memorial to women of the civil war, is three stories high and constructed of white Vermont marble.

wagon belonging to Lewis Mortfeldt. The theft occurred near the Center Market. F. C. Triplett, of Alexandria, Va., lost a pair of shoes from his buggy near the same place.

Edward W. Robertson, 1123 Fourth street southeast, reported to the police the loss of a 100-pound bag of sugar.

THIEVES ROB WAGONS NEAR CENTER MARKET

While the public paid reverence to Admiral Dewey yesterday by suspending business, thieves were busy. Three robberies from wagons were reported.

A whole lamb was stolen from a

TIRE BLINDED HIM

Baltimore, Jan. 20.—Claiming that a piece of the inner tube of an automobile tire that burst struck him in the face and blinded his left eye, Sylvan J. Smith, who lives near Towson, today filed suit in the Court of Common Pleas through his lawyers, James J. Lindsay and Michael P. Kehoe, against the United States Tire Company for \$50,000 damages.

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RETIRING CHAIRMAN HONORED AT BANQUET

Board of Trade Committees Give Dinner to Charles F. Crane.

The Washington Board of Trade's membership committee of 1916 and 1917 last night gave a dinner to Charles F. Crane, retiring chairman, in appreciation of his work during his tenure of office.

Major C. W. Kutz, Engineer Commissioner of the District, was the principal speaker, and was followed by Major Raymond W. Pulman, president of the board, and Arthur Ruppert, Company C. The judges were Capt. Oliver Snyder, U. S. A.; Quartermaster Sergeant B. Goldblatt, and Cadet Maj. William Ahern.

A moving picture program was given, showing the making of grape juice, manufacture of blotting paper, and athletic movements analyzed. A comedy concluded the pictures.

I. Pierce Boteler presented a one-act skit entitled, "The Gift of the Robes."

WIN MEDALS FOR DRILL AT ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE

Medal winners in the competitive drills at St. John's College were Hugh Carr, Company A; Francis Ruppert, Company B, and Arthur Ruppert, Company C. The judges were Capt. Oliver Snyder, U. S. A.; Quartermaster Sergeant B. Goldblatt, and Cadet Maj. William Ahern.

Highest records in rifle practice were scored by C. Clark, F. Ruppert, E. Glasgow, W. Ahern, M. Emmons, W. Glasgow, P. Ardener, B. Rogan, W. Jauvel, N. Dally, J. Rogers, B. Clavious, W. Frey, F. Harrington, T. Kelly, H. Purcell, W. Mack, T. Reddy, Roper, J. Johnson, D. Nee, F. Maloy, F. Walsh, W. Kooner, and Y. Constantinople.

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Golden Oak Dresser, roomy size base, with oval shaped bevel plate mirror; well finished. **\$22.00**

Golden Oak Chiffonier, with mirror; matches Dresser. **\$20.00**

Mahogany Dresser, antique finish; Chinese Chippendale design; very fine construction and best of cabinet work throughout; 45 inches wide. French plate mirror, 30x40. **\$64.00**

Chiffonier to match, 34 inches wide. **\$45.00**

Dull-finished Mahogany Dresser; Sheraton design; swelled front; 50 inches wide. French plate mirror, 28x36. **\$68.00**

Chiffonier to match, 36 inches wide; French plate mirror, 18x22. **\$58.00**

Library Tables

Quarter-sawn Golden Oak; polished finish; with drawer and shelf. **\$12.50**

Quarter-sawn Golden Oak; polished finish; large top; with drawer and lower shelf. **\$22.00**

Ladies' Desks

Quarter-sawn Golden Oak or mahogany-finish; very excellent finish and construction. **\$13.50**

Walnut, of neat, attractive design; roomy size. **\$16.50**

Chairs

Library Arm Chair; English Fireside design; Mahogany, with antique colored cane seat and back; Rocker to match at same price. **\$16.50**

Dining Chairs; Golden Oak, with imitation Leather seats; strong and well made. **\$2.25**

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